Intuitive Pastels

Tutor: Lindy Whitton 4 weeks Term 2 2025

Wherever you are on your pastel painting journey there's room to learn and grow. Join me this term as we explore and interpret the world around us through the intuitive, versatile and forgiving medium of soft pastels.

We'll focus on different landscape elements over the four weeks exploring simple, effective techniques to create the illusion of reality.

I'll demonstrate techniques to the class during the sessions as well as spending plenty of time with individuals for one on one tuition and tutor critiques. We'll end each session by sharing our work and engaging in constructive critiques.

Absolute beginners

If you're an absolute beginner please watch my YouTube channel videos Pastel Painting Course 1. Choosing your pastels, 2. Choosing your paper, 5. Setting up to paint, at www.youtube.com/lindywhittonstudio. This will give you an idea of my teaching style and is a good summary of the types of paper, pastels and other materials you will need.

Materials to bring

- pastel paper (available to buy at cost in class)
- any pastels you have (not oil pastels)
- charcoal or conte pastels for sketching
- paper towels or rags for cleaning your pastels and hands
- a rigid surface (eg mdf board, sheet of foamcore) to attach paper to
- masking tape or bulldog clips for attaching your paper to a board
- sketchbook or paper and pencils for planning sketches